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**17 Free fall in an elevator**

A phone of mass  $m$  sits on the floor of an elevator, which is initially at rest. The elevator cable snaps and the elevator and phone then undergo free fall. While they do this which is true of the magnitude of the normal force,  $n$ , acting on the phone? Explain your choice.

- i)  $n = 0$ .
- ii)  $mg > n > 0$ .
- iii)  $n = mg$ .
- iv)  $n > mg$



In free fall acceleration is

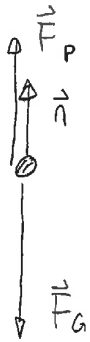
$$a_y = -g$$

$$\sum F_{iy} = ma_y$$

$$\Rightarrow n - mg = m(-g)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 0$$

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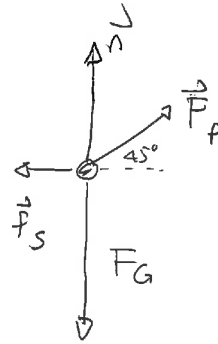


$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_P + n_A - F_G = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_A = F_G - F_P$$

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$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum F_y = m a_y = 0$$

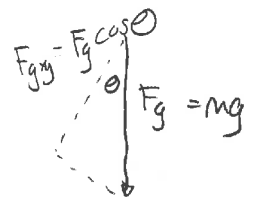
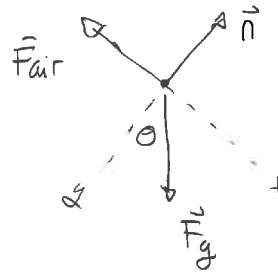
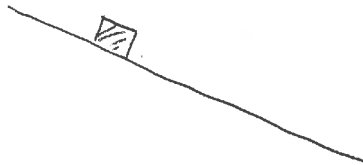
$$\Rightarrow n_B + F_P \sin 45^\circ - F_G = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n_B = F_G - \underbrace{F_P \sin 45^\circ}_{\text{smaller than } F_P}$$

$$\text{So } n_B > n_A$$

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a)



Then  $\Sigma F_x = m a_x$   
 $\Sigma F_y = m a_y = 0$

	x	y
$T_g$	$mg \sin \theta$	$-mg \cos \theta$
$n$	0	$n$
$T_{air}$	$-150N$	0

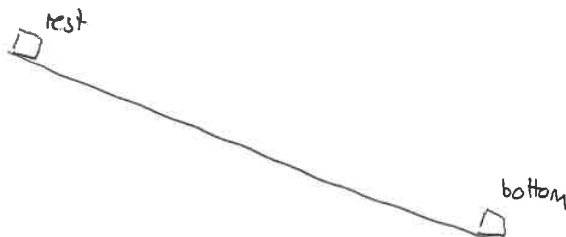
$\Sigma F_x = m a_x$

$\Rightarrow mg \sin \theta - 150N = m a_x$

$\Rightarrow 90kg \times 9.8m/s^2 \times \sin 15^\circ - 150N = 90kg a_x$

$\Rightarrow 78N = 90kg a_x \Rightarrow a_x = \frac{78N}{90kg} \Rightarrow a_x = 0.87m/s^2$

b)



$t_0 = 0s$        $t_1 =$   
 $x_0 = 0m$        $x_1 = 800m$   
 $v_0 = 0m/s$        $v_1 = ?$

$a_x = 0.87m/s^2$

$x_1 = x_0 + v_0 \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a_x (\Delta t)^2$

$800m = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.87m/s^2 (\Delta t)^2 \Rightarrow 1840s^2 = (\Delta t)^2 \Rightarrow \Delta t = \sqrt{1840s^2} = 43s$

c)  $v_1^2 = v_0^2 + 2a \Delta x$

$v_1^2 = 2 \times 0.87m/s^2 \times 800m = 1392 m^2/s^2 \Rightarrow v_1 = \sqrt{1392m^2/s^2} \Rightarrow v_1 = 37m/s$

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a)  $F_{\text{net}} = ma$        $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{double} \\ \text{-same} \end{array} \right\} F^{\text{mass}} \Rightarrow a \text{ is half.}$

Now  $v_f = v_i + a\Delta t$

$v_f = a\Delta t \Rightarrow \text{same } v_f, \text{ half } a \Rightarrow \Delta t \text{ double}$   
 $\Rightarrow 2.0\text{s}$

b)  $d = \cancel{x_i + v_i\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2}a(\Delta t)^2$

$\Rightarrow \frac{2d}{a} = \Delta t^2$

$\Rightarrow \Delta t = \sqrt{\frac{2d}{a}}$       half  $a$  means

$$\Delta t \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2d}{a}}_{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2d}{a} \cdot 2}$$

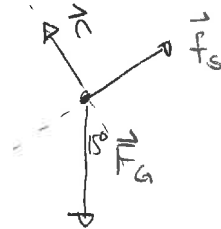
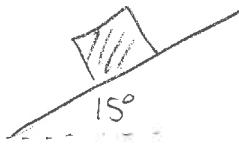
$$= \sqrt{2} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{2d}{a}}}_{\text{original } \Delta t}$$

Time must be  $\sqrt{2}$  times original  $\Rightarrow 1.4\text{s}$

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$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma F_{ix} = 0 \Rightarrow f_s - F_g \sin 15^\circ = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_{iy} = 0 \Rightarrow n - F_g \cos 15^\circ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = F_g \cos 15^\circ = Mg \cos 15^\circ = 4000 \text{ kg} \times 9.8 \times \cos 15^\circ = 3.8 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$$

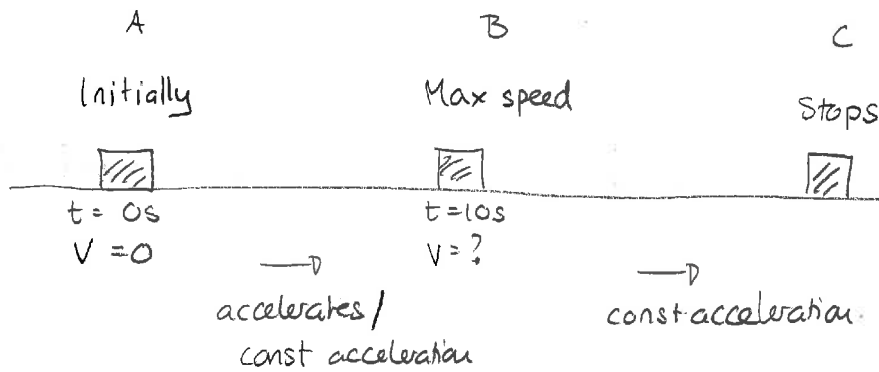
$$\text{Also } f_s = F_g \sin 15^\circ = Mg \sin 15^\circ$$

$$= 4000 \text{ kg} \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \times \sin 15^\circ = 1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$$

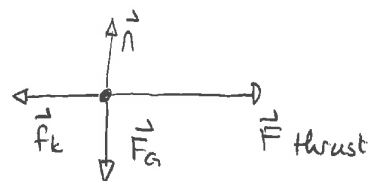
$$\text{Clearly } f_s \leq \mu_s n$$

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a) From A to B



$$\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a} \quad \text{but} \quad \vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + \cancel{a_y \hat{j}} \quad a_y = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{netx} = \text{max}$$

$$F_{nety} = 0$$

Components

	x	y
$\vec{n}$	0	n
$\vec{F}_G$	0	-mg
$\vec{f}_k$	$-\mu_k n$	0
$\vec{F}_G$	200N	0
$\vec{F}_{net}$	max	0

$$F_{nety} = 0 \Rightarrow n - mg = 0 \Rightarrow n = mg$$

$$F_{netx} = \text{max} \Rightarrow -\mu_k n + 200N = \text{max}$$

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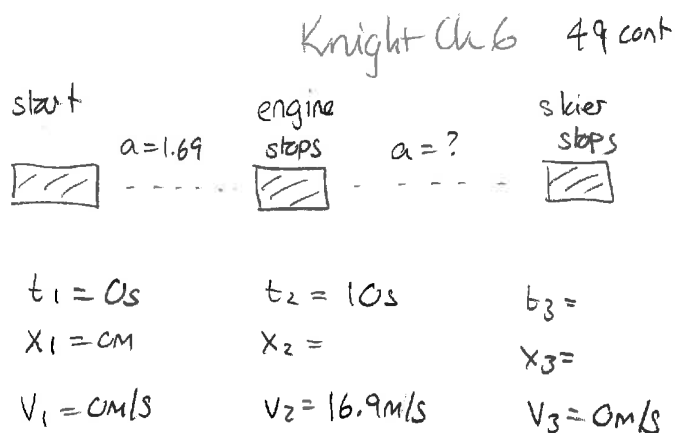
$$\Rightarrow a_x = \frac{200N}{m} - \mu_k g = \frac{200N}{75kg} - 0.10 \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$= 1.69 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Now use kinematics

$$V_2 = V_1 + a \Delta t$$

$$V_2 = 0 \text{ m/s} + 1.69 \text{ m/s}^2 \times 10 \text{ s} \\ = 16.9 \text{ m/s}$$



b) We can use kinematics to get  $x_2$ . We would then have to use dynamics to get the acceleration in the second period.

First  $x_2$ :

$$x_2 = \cancel{x_1} + \cancel{x_1} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a \Delta t^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 1.69 \text{ m/s}^2 \times (10 \text{ s})^2 \\ = 84.5 \text{ m}$$

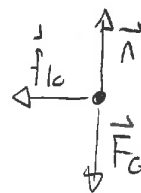
Then we need acceleration in the second period

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a}$$

Clearly again  $F_G = n$  and so

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = -f_k \hat{j} = -\mu_k n \hat{j} = -\mu_k mg \hat{j} \quad \text{So}$$

$$-\mu_k mg = ma \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = -\mu_k g = -0.10 \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \\ = -0.98 \text{ m/s}^2$$



Now use kinematics to get  $x_3$ : let  $\Delta x = x_3 - x_2$ . Then

$$V_3^2 = V_2^2 + 2a\Delta x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{V_3^2 - V_2^2}{2a} = \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{0 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2 - (16.9 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(-0.98 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 146 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots$$

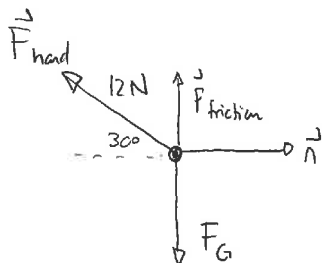
$$x_3 - x_2 = 146\text{m} \Rightarrow$$

$$x_3 = x_2 + 146\text{m}$$

$$= 85\text{m} + 146\text{m} = 231\text{m.} \quad \square$$

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Prob 57.



There is a friction force either static or kinetic or up or down. In either case

$$\sum F_x = ma_x = 0 \quad \text{since no horiz motion.}$$

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$F_G = mg = 1.0\text{kg} \times 9.8\text{m/s}^2 = 9.8\text{N}$$

	x	y
$F_G$	0	-9.8N
$n$	$n$	0
$F_{\text{hand}}$	-11N	6N
$f_{\text{friction}}$	0	$f_{\text{friction}}$

$$F_{\text{hand}x} = -F_{\text{hand}} \cos 30^\circ = -12\text{N} \cos 30^\circ = -11\text{N}$$

$$F_{\text{hand}y} = F_{\text{hand}} \sin 30^\circ = 12\text{N} \sin 30^\circ = 6\text{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum F_y = 0 &\Rightarrow n - 11\text{N} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow n = 11\text{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x = ma_x &\Rightarrow -9.8\text{N} + 6\text{N} + f_{\text{friction}} = 1.0\text{kg } a_x \\ &\Rightarrow -3.8\text{N} + f_{\text{friction}} = 1.0\text{kg } a_x \end{aligned}$$

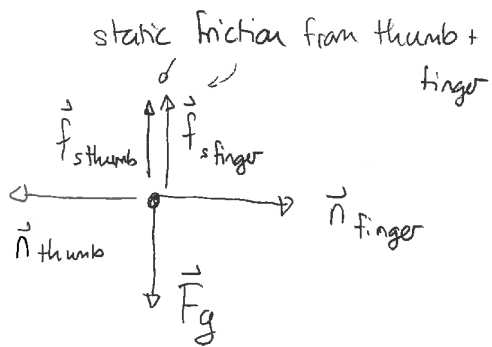
If at rest, then  $f_{\text{friction}} = 3.8\text{N}$ . This would be static friction and would be attained if it is less than  $f_{\text{smax}} = \mu_s n = 0.50 \times 11\text{N} = 5.5\text{N}$   
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wood on wood.

This is more than the required friction. It will stay at rest.



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$$\sum F_x = \max = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = \max = 0$$

$$\text{Now } f_{s \text{ thumb}} \leq \mu_s n_{\text{thumb}} \\ = 0.80 \times 6.0 \text{ N}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{s \text{ thumb}} \leq 4.8 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Similarly } f_{s \text{ finger}} \leq 4.8 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Then } \sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow f_{s \text{ thumb}} + f_{s \text{ finger}} - mg = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow mg = f_{s \text{ thumb}} + f_{s \text{ finger}}$$

$$\Rightarrow M \times 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \leq 4.8 \text{ N} + 4.8 \text{ N}$$

$$\Rightarrow M \leq \frac{9.6 \text{ N}}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2} \Rightarrow M \leq 0.98 \text{ kg}$$

